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K-State ranked 8th happiest campus nationwide

Shelby Danielson
staff writer

Recently, The Princeton Review ranked K-State eighth for the "happiest students" in the nation. The news of this ranking quickly spread across the K-State campus, and, although it was received with enthusiasm, many students said they were not surprised.

Gabi Sims, senior in kinesiology, said she feels like K-State has always been a friendly place, so the ranking did not surprise her. She said

there are always friendly people on campus even if they are simply giving directions, ensuring that she never felt like a "stranger" on campus.

"I think that students on campus are all really open and kind to other students," Sims said. "I know when I first came to K-State for a visit we got lost, and I just remember somebody helped us find the right parking lot we needed and the right building we needed to be at. So from the beginning it's always been that way. When you have a question there's always someone to answer."

Mikaela Needles, senior at Heston High School, said that her tour at K-State was the best experience she has had on a college campus.

"I love it here," Needles said. "It's so friendly. Everybody comes up, like when we got lost people came up and talked to us, and they helped us along our way. And our campus tour leader was really funny. It's just a really friendly campus."

Her mother, Gwendolyn Needles, said they came to K-State for the first time on Junior Day last year and were welcomed and greeted by so many

students and faculty that the experience was completely set apart from other college visits.

"Even on the first visit, people were very friendly," Gwendolyn Needles said. "There was a student that wasn't part of the tour that sat with [us] when we ate and asked her [Mikaela] why she was wanting to come here and explained what he found about being here and how much he enjoyed coming here. For me, as a

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Mayors bet on result of game on Saturday

Austin Nichols
news editor

Manhattan Mayor Loren Pepperd and Morgantown, W.Va., Mayor Jim Manilla have a lot riding on the matchup between K-State and West Virginia University on Saturday. The two mayors have agreed to a friendly challenge regarding the football game in which the loser will have to wear the opposing university's colors to their next City Council or City Commission meeting.

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AKPsi holds 'Scrabble Run' on Saturday

Mike Stanton
assistant news editor

K-State's Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity will hold their annual Scrabble Run this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Aggieville. The event, which raises funds for a scholarship given to an AKPsi member, is held in memory of former member Rebecca Triple, who was killed in a car accident in 2007.

For the Scrabble Run, participants can purchase game sheets at Varney's Book Store in Aggieville at a cost of \$5 for one game, \$10 for three or \$15 for five. Each participant will draw seven letters, as they would in a normal game of Scrabble, and letters can be swapped for a dollar. The highest-scoring word of the event will win a Kindle Fire, and other prizes will be awarded as well.

"People always seem to think it's actually a run," said Caitlin Estes, senior in accounting and member of AKPsi. "It's not. There's no running involved."

According to Estes, the event is open to the public, and everyone is encouraged to come to help a great cause.

Bike thefts increase in Riley County area



Tommy Theis | Collegian

LEFT: Elijah Kampsen, sophomore in English, unlocks his bike just outside of Kedzie Hall after getting out of class on Thursday evening.
RIGHT: A look at a lock that is keeping a bike secured on a rack just outside of Kedzie Hall on Thursday.

Darrington Clark
managing editor

Those who use bicycles as a main mode of campus transportation may have noticed something strange in the past few months. Bike theft is not a rare occurrence, but the theft rate for the K-State campus and Riley County has drastically increased, doubling from last year.

Capt. Don Stubbings, of the K-State Police Department, said that this increase in bike thefts has been relatively recent.

"Last month we noticed more thefts than normal," Stubbings said. "Two to three bicycles are being stolen per week now."

The increase in bicycle thefts has occurred all around campus, including near the residence halls.

"Today, we went to a residence hall for a stolen bike report," Stubbings said.

While K-State is just now seeing the effects of increased bike theft, for Riley County as a whole, this has been a problem for months.

"We've seen the bike theft rate double since last year," said Darla King, Riley County Police Department community relations officer. "We had 15 stolen in September, 17 in August, 15 in July, nine in June and 13 in May."

Both the K-State Police and RCPD are currently investigating to discover who is behind the thefts.

"Sometimes stolen bicycles can be difficult," Stubbings said. "There's so many. When your bicycle is left unsecured, there's a good chance it will get stolen within your college

career."

King said that the difficulty in catching the criminals lies in their purpose for committing the crime.

"It's not real easy, especially when people sell the stolen bikes to their friends on the street," King said. "But when they chop them up and sell them on eBay, it's a lot easier to recover."

Stubbings also said that the thieves were specifically targeting expensive bicycles throughout campus. According to Stubbings, the sudden increase may be coincidental.

"It could be random, or they may be connected," Stubbings said. "A higher value bike is attractive to a thief."

King said that there must be more going on than just a rash of

stolen bicycle cases.

"It's harder to catch them if they're just stealing for personal use," King said, "But that can't be what's happening here. There absolutely is a connection."

When reporting a stolen bike, the most useful information to have is the bike's serial number. According to Stubbings, the serial number can be used to recover the bike, no matter where it is found, by inputting the number into the National Crime Information Center, a national index of criminal justice information.

For students who don't know or remember their bike's serial number, that information can be recorded and stored for you by

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SGA further discusses changes to Union food service, email provider

Zach Foley
staff writer

In a meeting last night, the Student Governing Association discussed updates on food service negotiations for the K-State Student Union and university attempts to gain a new email provider.

During the meeting, Student Senate speaker Emilee Taylor, senior in sociology, informed attendees in the Big 12 Room that there had been presentations from a new company interested in providing food services for the Union in the last week. Taylor said that SGA is working on negotiations with both the current provider and new companies. An agreement will be reached before the current provider, Chartwells, ends their contract on Dec. 31.

"There will always be food in the union," Taylor said.

The Senate also discussed the possibility of the university switching email providers. Current provider Zimbra has had many issues during the current school year, which have caused a re-examination of K-State's email.

The student technologies committee, headed by student body vice president Grant Hill, senior in accounting, has been pursuing new providers such as Google and

Microsoft 365.

Hill also informed the room of an online survey posted on the SGA Facebook page with the purpose of gathering student input on the change.

"We want to make the transition as public as possible," Hill said.

The meeting also included a visit from Sydney Carlin, democratic state representative for the 66th district, who is running for her sixth term. Carlin explained that one of her main concerns during her time in office has been education.

Carlin said that she has seen funding for higher education flatline and funding from K-12 schools decrease.

"We are going in the wrong direction in terms of spending," Carlin said.

She went on to explain that if universities become too dependent on donations from corporations then those corporations could end up taking control of the universities, something she does not want to see.

Carlin then shared her political views, particularly that she is pro-choice and pro-gay.

On the issue of gay rights, Carlin said, "Whatever anybody gets in this country,

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Sunset Zoo welcomes all ages to trick-or-treat at annual 'SPOOKtacular' event

Austin Nichols
news editor

It's time to dress up, as Sunset Zoo is holding its annual SPOOKtacular trick-or-treat event this weekend from noon to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Guests are encouraged to wear costumes as they visit 25 to 30 candy stations around the zoo, all sponsored by local businesses and non-profit organizations, according to Scott Shoemaker, zoo director. Guests are also encouraged to bring their own candy bags.

A new edition to the event is the "trunk-or-treat" trail. The new trail will feature local businesses handing out candy from their vehicles.

Shoemaker said there are a lot of special events going on around the zoo.

"It's become a really great family event," Shoemaker said. "Lots of children come out, along with adults."

Last year, the zoo saw around 5,000 people attend the two-day

event, Shoemaker added.

"Based off advanced ticket sales, we expect 5,000 or more, especially with it being an away football game," Shoemaker said.

The new entryway, called the Nature Exploration Center, which is currently being used as an education room and ticket booth, will be transformed into the "Creepy World of Sunset Zoo." Guests can enjoy live encounters with animals such as snakes, and visitors from the K-State Insect Zoo.

"Every year for about the last four or five years, the College of Architecture has a pumpkin carving contest," Shoemaker said.

K-State's College of Architecture, Planning and Design students will display their carving skills in the zoo's pavilion. Students this year are challenged to carve pumpkins inspired by the zoo's animal collection. SPOOKtacular guests can vote for their favorite pumpkin throughout the weekend.

KSU Tap Dance Ensemble, Manhattan High School Choirs and a Pep Band from the KSU

Marching Band will provide live entertainment for SPOOKtacular all weekend.

The KSU Tap Dance Ensemble will perform from noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Manhattan High School Choirs will be performing at 1 p.m., and the KSU Marching Band will perform at 2.

"It's a safe environment, and it's during the day," Shoemaker said. "It's a great way to spend an afternoon."

It is \$5 per trick-or-treat child for SPOOKtacular and two adults are admitted for free with each paid child's admission. A regular admission rate of \$4 per adult applies to any additional adults. Children two and under are free, and members of Friends of Sunset Zoo will receive \$1 off each trick-or-treating child's admission.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by visiting the zoo's ticket booth in person from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by calling 785-587-APES. For more information, visit SunsetZoo.com.

Design Contest

Students show your

creativity

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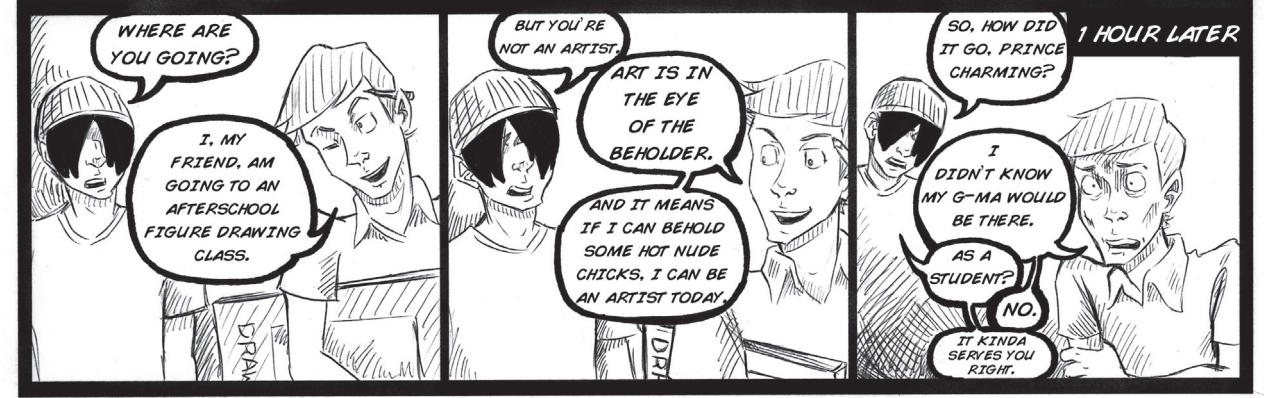
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THE BLOTTER ARREST REPORTS

Wednesday, Oct. 17

Daniel Cole Arnwine, of the 900 block of Seth Child Road, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Thursday, Oct. 18

Kurt Anton Miranda, of the 2400 block of Anderson Avenue, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$750.

Rosales Luz Karina Porras, of the 700 block of Dondee Drive, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$199.

Jeremy Berger, of St. George, Kan., was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$24,000.

Wade Berger, of St. George, Kan., was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$24,000.

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‘Marvel NOW!’ revitalizes classic characters



Tyler Brown

Marvel Comics began their “Marvel NOW!” initiative with the premiere issue of “Uncanny Avengers” on Oct. 10. When fans first heard about this new publishing push, many threatened to cancel their subscriptions, comparing it to DC Comics’ “New 52” initiative that began last year which rebooted the DC universe and threw away years of continuity.

Luckily, readers old and new have nothing to worry about as “Marvel NOW!” aims to maintain ongoing continuity while still making their books accessible.

With the end of Marvel’s latest event comic, “Avengers vs. X-Men,” there’s a new status quo in the Marvel universe. The biggest changes are that mutants are no longer on the brink of extinction and Charles

Xavier has been murdered. With this paradigm shift, the creative teams at Marvel acknowledged both the upheaval this would cause in their comics and also editorially.

“We kind of noticed that as [Avengers vs. X-Men] is wrapping up, everybody was kind of wrapping up where they were,” said writer Matt Fraction in an interview with MTV Geek. “It’s been, like, five years for me on Iron Man and Thor. If you add all the Thor sh*t up, it’s like 50-some issues of Thor, 60-some issues of Iron Man. I was kind of done. I’m sort of like, ‘Either we gotta start over with another five years, or this is it.’”

With that, the idea came to have every writer and artist team up with somebody new on a completely different title.

“I’m very excited to see what all of our writers and artists are gonna be doing. It’s a game of musical chairs, but everybody lands on a great seat,” said Axel Alonso, editor-in-chief of Marvel, in a Newsarama interview.

Design-wise, readers will notice that Captain America

sports a new militaristic look, Iron Man dons new armor and Spider-Man trades blue for black, creating an edgier costume. Besides these redesigns and tonal shifts for some titles, Alonso also broke down “Marvel NOW!” and differentiated it from DC’s “New 52.”

“What makes this very different is that it’s line-wide, and it’s going to take place from October to February,” Alonso said. “Each week, every week, readers will have at least one issue waiting for them at the store that will be their entryway into the Marvel universe — a story that will be completely accessible, but as I said before, that exists in the Marvel universe that long-term readers are invested in.”

With this new focus on the changing Marvel landscape, creators face the intimidating task of writing the unfamiliar. Writer Jonathan Hickman understands this as he prepares for the release of his first issues of “Avengers” and “New Avengers.”

“It’s daunting, no doubt,” Hickman said to MTV Geek. “I mean, it was a billion dollar movie. I’m following unquestionably one

of the greatest Avengers writers of all time in Brian Michael Bendis.”

As a Marvel reader myself, there are certain titles that I am looking forward to in the revamp. One title I cannot wait for is “Thor: God of Thunder” by Kansas City writer Jason Aaron, who is known for his work on “Wolverine and the X-Men” as well as his award-winning Vertigo comic “Scalped.”

Aaron’s first story will focus on three versions of the titular hero: a young, brash Thor, the modern heroic Thor and King Thor thousands of years in the future. All three will deal with a mysterious being named Gorr who is intent on slaughtering all gods throughout the cosmos.

Writer Brian Michael Bendis will also be taking over the X-Men franchise with “All-New X-Men,” which will find the original teen team that debuted in the ‘60s in our time, seeing what their older selves have been up to. It will be interesting to see a teenage Scott Summers, aka Cyclops, face his adult self who recently killed their mentor, Charles Xavier.

One of the “Marvel NOW!” titles I find myself apprehensive about is Dan Slott’s “Superior Spider-Man,” which is set to debut next year. Slott has worked on “The Amazing Spider-Man” for a lengthy, read-worthy run, but recently tweeted that he should go into hiding after issue No. 700 comes out this December due to the ending. This new title has been described as “dark and weird,” and although it doesn’t mean he won’t be in the book, it has been announced that Spider-Man will no longer be Peter Parker.

The “Marvel NOW!” publishing push started Oct. 10 with the release of Rick Remender’s “Uncanny Avengers.” The book finds Captain America admitting that he has never done enough to stand up for mutant rights. The first issue does have to tread through territory — all premiere issues must do so to set up the title — but by the end, I found myself excited for No. 2, as the last page reveals the first villain and his insane(ly cool) dastardly plot.

If you want a taste of what Marvel NOW! has to offer, “Marvel NOW! Point One” debuted on Wednesday. This anthology issue offers six short stories by some of the new creative teams to give readers an idea of what they can expect from the new titles. If you find yourself liking the new tone and costumes of the Marvel universe, it’s only just beginning.

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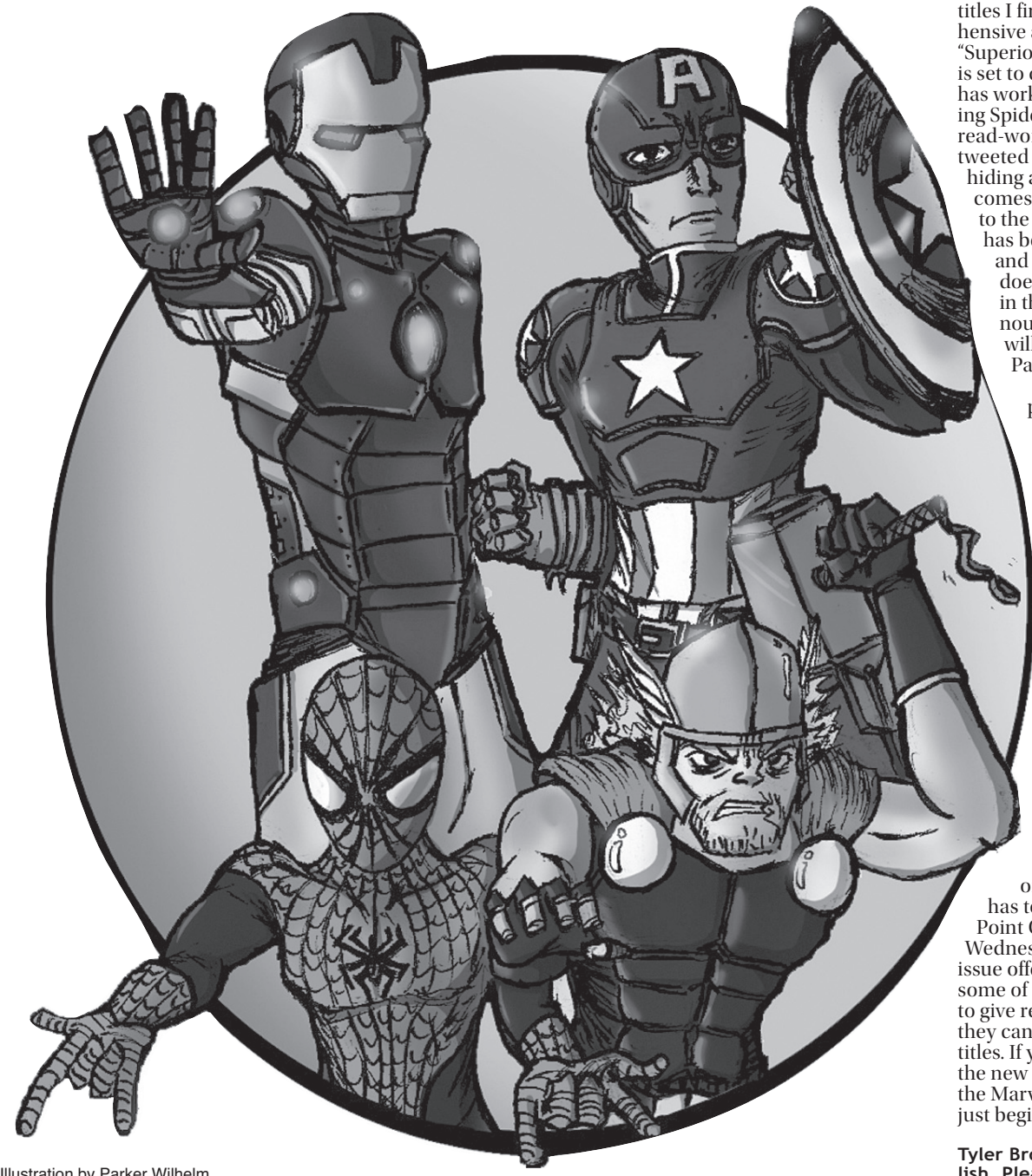


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‘Marvel NOW!’ release dates:

OUT NOW:

“Uncanny Avengers” No. 1: Captain America gathers Avengers and X-Men alike to face a terrible old foe.

“A+X” No. 1: Team-ups from favorite characters. First up: Hulk with Wolverine and Captain America with Cable.

“Marvel NOW! Point One” No. 1: A tease of everything you can expect from six of the new creative teams.

NOV. 7

“All-New X-Men” No. 1: The original teen team warps to the present, but will they like what they find?

“Deadpool” No. 1: Undead former Presidents are on the rise and only one insane mercenary can stop them

“Iron Man” No. 1: A lethal technovirus is sold to the highest bidder, and Tony Stark must create new suits to take on new challenges.

NOV. 14

“Fantastic Four” No. 1: Marvel’s first family sets off for an interdimensional road trip.

“Thor: God of Thunder” No. 1: Can Thor solve the mystery of Gorr the God Butcher?

X-Men Legacy” No. 1: Son to the late Charles Xavier, the villainous Legion will face his demons.

NOV. 21

“Captain America” No. 1: Cap finds himself in the bizarre and science fiction fueled Dimension Z.

“Indestructible Hulk” No. 1: The strongest monster alive as ... an agent of S.H.I.E.L.D.?

NOV. 28

“FF” No. 1: While the Fantastic Four are away, the Future Foundation will play. Nothing could go wrong with these substitutes guarding the earth for four minutes, right?













DEC. 5

“Avengers” No. 1: Earth’s mightiest heroes are bigger than ever, widening their scope to include the spaceways.

JAN. 2

“New Avengers” No. 1: While the main Avengers team saves the world, this team secretly runs it.

Horrorscopes: Halloween-themed horoscopes for the week of Oct. 21

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|  <p>Giant Spider Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Your loneliness may cause you to break into song at inopportune times, proving that musicals are the most unrealistic films ever. And that you’re tone deaf.</p> |  <p>Evil Merman Aquarius Jan. 20 - Feb. 18 You will be tempted to play a cruel prank on a friend next week that may jeopardize your friendship. Ask yourself if this epic plan is worth it. (It is.)</p> |  <p>Mad Cow Taurus April 20 - May 20 You’ll find yourself in a bit of a pickle next week when you get invited to several Halloween parties on the same day. Base your decision on what chips they offer.</p> |  <p>Man-Eating Lion Leo July 23 - Aug. 22 You will be in the right place at the right time to embarrass the hell out of somebody you hate. Keep your camera phone ready. A picture is worth a thousand words.</p> |
|  <p>Headless Horseman Sagittarius Nov. 22 - Dec. 21 Next week, your life will feel like a series of “Monty Python” skits. In theory this sounds like fun, but you will quickly learn that it’s not fun to actually live that way.</p> |  <p>Sharks Pisces Feb. 19 - March 20 The waxing moon will have a profound effect on your mood next week, either bringing out your inner wolf or your inner lemur — whichever craves green cheese more.</p> |  <p>Jekyll and Hyde Gemini May 21 - June 20 An unfortunate encounter with a leprechaun may cause you to meet your Bizarro self. Prevent certain death by suggesting a spirited rendition of “The Time Warp.”</p> |  <p>Bearded Lady Virgo Aug. 23 - Sept. 22 Your conscience will nag at you next week, leading you on a quest for cheap Halloween candy. Nothing like a sugar buzz to chase away the blues.</p> |
|  <p>Rabid Goat Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 19 While searching for your lucky Halloween underpants, you will stumble upon a gift you forgot to give someone last year ... and decide to keep it.</p> |  <p>Zombie Sheep Aries March 21 - April 19 Each day next week will have a themed smell. Enjoy Lavender Tuesday before it gives way to Vomited Fish Sticks Wednesday and Pickled Pigs Feet Thursday.</p> |  <p>Cthulhu Cancer June 21 - July 22 You can settle any argument next week by blaming your evilness on the King of the Potato People. Or by subjecting those who oppose you to two hours of W.O.O.</p> |  <p>Crooked Lawyer Libra Sept. 23 - Oct. 22 It is better to be lucky than smart, but it’s extra sweet to be both. Next week, your cleverness will earn you some swag and bragging rights. Score!</p> |

-Compiled by Karen Ingram

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‘Aphrodisiac’ foods help sexual health, not libido



Recently, while mindlessly surfing the Internet, I came across an article titled, “Choc-o-pedia: The Ultimate Compendium of Gooley Facts,” published on April 8 by Matthew Bell. Early in the column, the author mentions that some surveys conducted have shown that as many as 52 percent of women prefer eating chocolate to having sex.

Immediately, I was skeptical. Either those women are having the wrong kind of sex or I’m eating the wrong kind of chocolate.

Although it has been well-documented that chocolate is an aphrodisiac, and I was aware of this before I read anything online, I wondered if there was any actual merit to that claim. Are so-called sexual stimulators like chocolate, oysters and even garlic, actually potent enough to affect human sexual function, or is the evidence surrounding aphrodisiac foods mostly anecdotal and unfounded?

According to the definition published by Merriam Webster Dictionary, an aphrodisiac is, “an agent (as a food or drug) that arouses or is held to arouse sexual desire.”

The big debate in popular culture, however, is the question of whether or not aphrodisiacs are real, or if their touted claims are simply a placebo effect conjured in the mind of the individual hoping to harness their passionate power.

According to Portland State University in the article, “Aphrodisiac Foods and Anaphrodisiac Foods,” by Natalya Siebel, the FDA claims that no foods have actually been proven to directly contribute to a raised libido.

That isn’t to say that certain edibles or beverages won’t further an already existing attraction, but it does mean the idea that whatever you are eating or drinking is specifically causing your arousal is

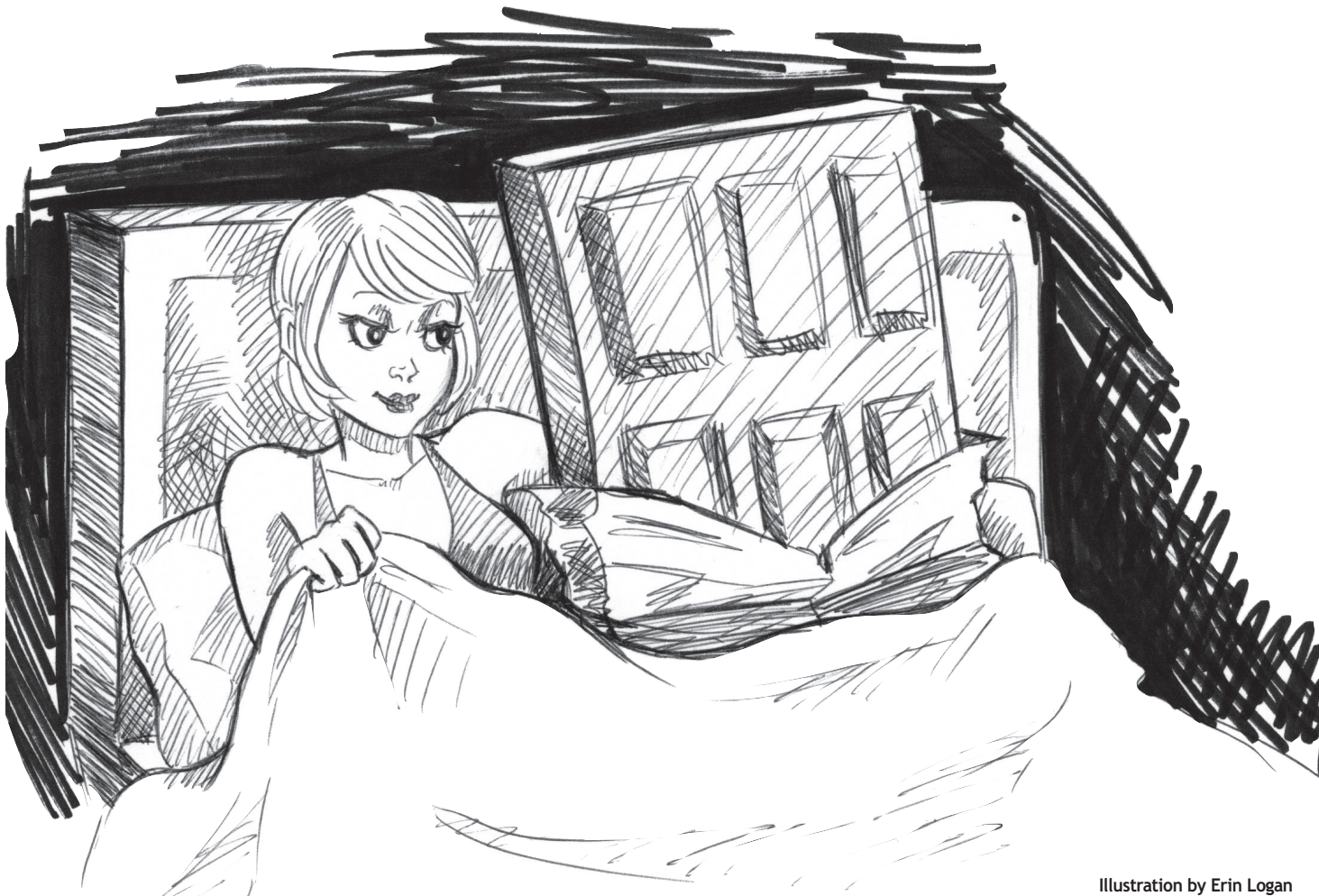


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probably false.

For instance, alcohol is not a substance that raises someone’s libido simply because of a chemical compound in the beverage. Alcohol is often associated with loose behavior and an increase in arousal. However, this is not because it is a true aphrodisiac, but rather because it loosens your inhibitions, making you more open to intimate decisions, like having sex.

In short, it isn’t the liquor itself that is making you horny; it is your brain. The liquor, however, often helps the brain relax and become more susceptible to inhibited desires.

The general consensus amongst the scientific community is that there is no one food that speci-

cally makes you aroused by merely consuming it. It is important to consider the true definition of an aphrodisiac, which is actually quite different than what most people believe.

Generally speaking, the word aphrodisiac is thrown around popular culture as a blanket term for anything that may aid a person’s sex drive or impact their sexual health, as opposed to something solely responsible for their arousal. If we consider the word under that standard, there are several foods that do have links to the human reproductive system or sexual well-being of an individual.

According to Siebel’s article, oysters, pine nuts and pumpkin seeds all contain high levels of zinc,

which aids in the healthy development and production of sperm.

Almonds have been recognized for centuries as a female stimulator, as they were a sign of fertility in ancient cultures. Although eating almonds will probably not make a woman more or less fertile, the nuts do contain plenty of vitamin E and magnesium, which promotes healthy blood flow. And more blood flow to the right places could definitely impact how someone perceives pleasure.

And what of the infamous debate about chocolate? Siebel states that the sexual-like gratification felt by consumers occurs because the chemicals in chocolate affect the pleasure and reward center of the brain, making a

person feel good. This is because the brain produces dopamine, a chemical compound that causes people to feel satisfied and happy.

The real concept to remember behind aphrodisiac claims is that there is no “miracle food” to instantly put you in the mood. However, there are certain things that can make your body and mind healthier, possibly allowing you to become better in tune with your own desires as an added bonus. As the old sayings go, “You are what you eat,” and “Do what makes you feel good.” Maybe you should combine both and see what happens.

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Digitally altered models project unattainable, unrealistic beauty standards



Fashion and lifestyle company Ralph Lauren recently hired a plus-size model to be the face of their next campaign. The model, Robyn Lawley, is six-foot-two and wears an Australian size 12. However, in American sizes she is simply a size eight, making her not plus size, but average. Ralph Lauren is after positive publicity, but instead of actually hiring a plus-size model they are simply pretending.

Ralph Lauren is most likely trying to repair the reputation they made for themselves after they digitally altered the waist of model Filippa Hamilton while leaving the rest of her body normal-sized. They created an impossible image that women would look at and try to emulate.

Soon after, the company supposedly fired Hamilton for being too fat, probably because she didn’t match the Photoshopped version of herself with a huge head and a minute waist. But too fat? Maybe Ralph Lauren needs to rethink their idea of skinny, because if they think that the head of a person needs to have a greater circumference than a person’s waist, they are some very twisted individuals.

After this disaster, the brand is looking to make a comeback by using a “real woman” for their campaign. One problem: Lawley is not an average woman. She is still a model.

Regardless of her size, which isn’t even that big, she is still going to be more beautiful than the average woman. And after the Ralph Lauren Photoshop wizards have their way with her, any imperfections, pores, fly away hairs and cellulite will be removed. The company is hardly changing their ways. Yes, Lawley is bigger in size and may not look emaciated, but she will still possess a level of beauty unattainable for many women.

The real problem here is not the choice of model, but the widespread practice of Photoshopping models within an inch of their lives. In real life, none of these models look the way they do in ads.

In the United Kingdom, it has become commonplace to ban ads that feature too much digital altering. These ads show unrealistic, unattainable standards of beauty and are therefore banned.

One such ad is a Julia Roberts ad for Lancome skin care products, which was banned when the Advertising Standards Authority stated the results as “too good to be true.” The ad features Roberts with flawless skin that has clearly been smoothed several times over, in attempt to sell foundation to real women who could never achieve the same results from using said product.

Now not all Photoshopping is bad; the removal of fly away hairs? Fine. Fixing lighting? Fine.

But the removal of all flaws from someone’s skin is just not acceptable. Everyone has pores and removing them from models and celebrities is not going to stop them from existing in real life. There is no magical product that can forever erase all imperfections from someone’s face. Ad companies need to stop depicting

an idealized version of beautiful and start showing models with all of their flaws on display.

Ralph Lauren may have hired a “plus-size model,” but she is still going to be ridiculously flawless. Altering these women not only gives the public an unfortunately skewed version of beauty, but also tells models,

who are paid for being beautiful, that they are not gorgeous enough.

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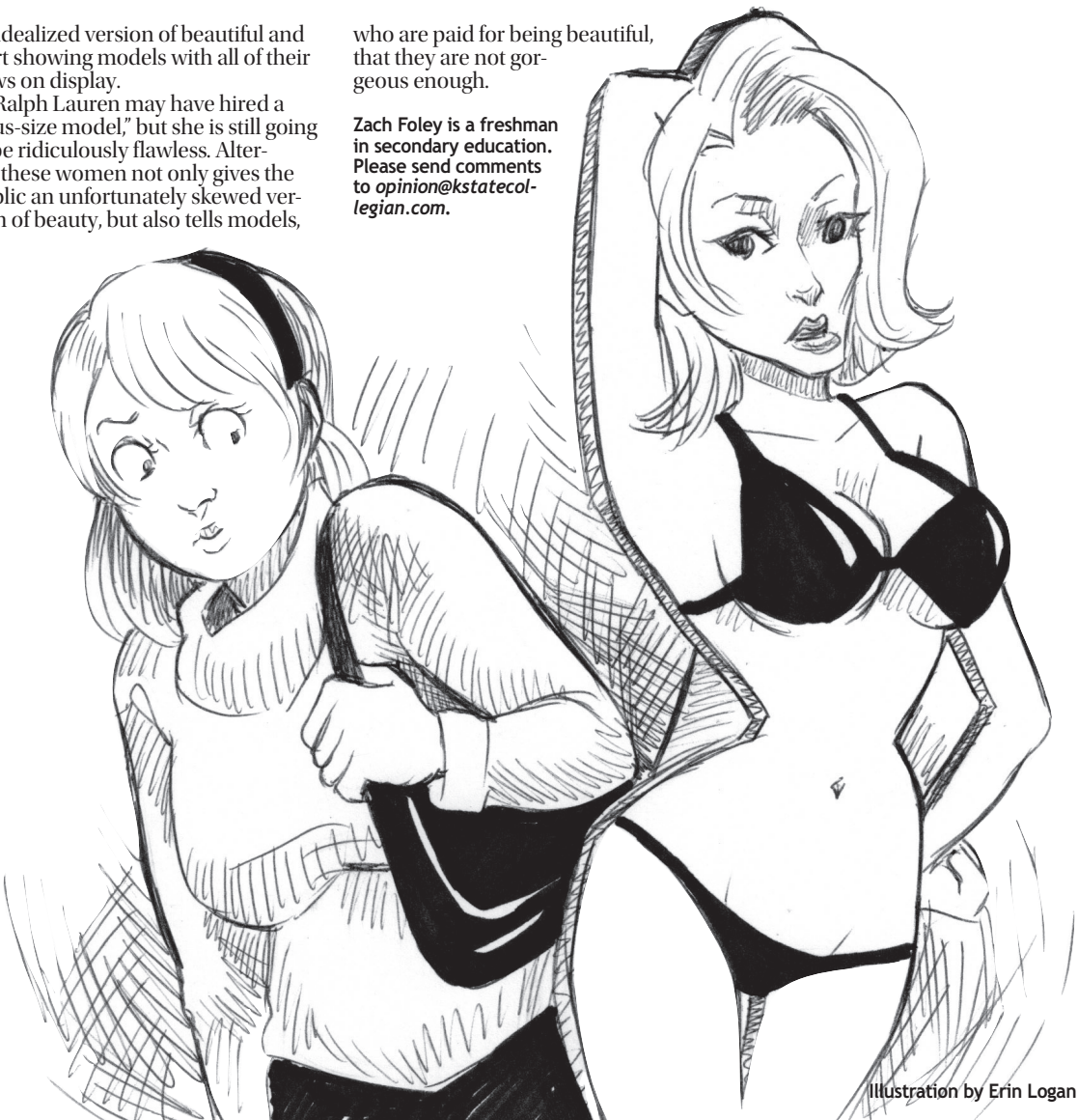


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New Facebook tool puts price on narcissism



Facebook has a new feature that allows users to promote their statuses in your news feed. It sounds like a dandy and brilliant idea, but has one catch: it costs money.

For businesses and artists trying to promote their products, it makes sense. However, for individuals seeking attention, it is merely a reflection of the narcissism inherent in modern day culture. Facebook has become a popularity contest, lacks substantial content and diminishes the quality of communication between

people.

Facebook, among other social media, has allowed people to stay in touch and has made it easier to spread information. However, it has now become a disembodied ego.

Facebook allows you to create an image of yourself that isn’t always 100 percent true, and is comprised of people posting images of what they think they are. It has become a mechanism for narcissism. There is a “like” button, but not a “dislike” button, which allows people to ignore the things that contradict their self image. Allowing a “like” button alone helps people preserve their egos.

Social media has become a popularity contest and, generally, the better-looking portion of society gets more attention, not because of the content of the information they are spreading, but because of

the aesthetic appeal of their pictures. However, it is difficult to tell whether these trends are a result of social media or simply a reflection of human nature manifesting itself in a new form of technology.

One thing I find fascinating is the rate at which social media spreads information. Unlike conventional forms of communication, social media has empowered individuals to spread information to people across the globe. Now, with this new promotional tool, people have the ability to alert their friends of important pieces of information that could be critical, and might need to be known.

Another intriguing aspect of social media, such as Facebook, is the way in which it allows people to spread awareness about issues, which is partially responsible for the eradication of the S.O.P.A bill

that had hoped to censor the Internet.

Spending money for personal attention, in my eyes, seems to be taking social media too far. This new Facebook feature is simply a reflection of the narcissistic tendencies of the people in our generation. All in all, social media is a tool; it could be used to cement our delusional self image or it could be used to keep people in touch. Either way, it’s all up to the individual.

This new promotional gadget could be utilized to spread important pieces of information or utilized for narcissistic endeavors. Social media could bring us together, or tear us apart. It’s all dependent on the path we decide to take.

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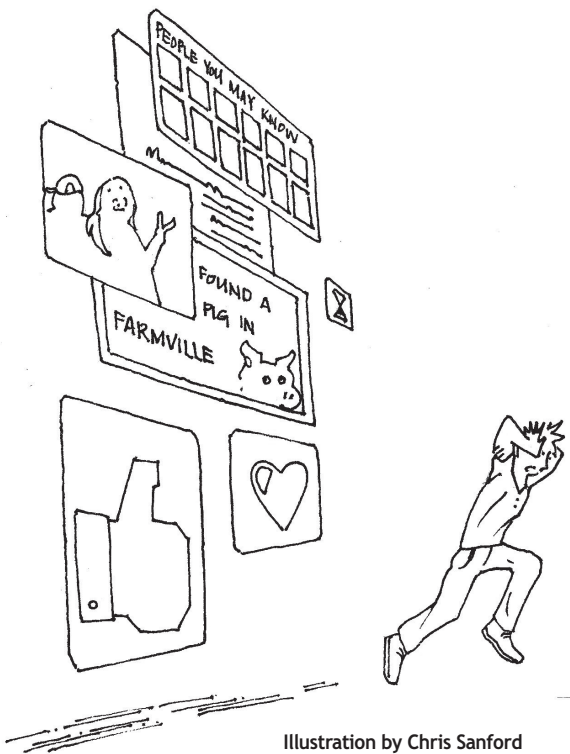


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HAPPY | K-State campus ‘friendlier’ than other colleges, one parent says

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mother, I’m letting her go away. The environment so far that I’ve seen, well I’m not going to be concerned because I know she’s going to make friends easily.”

Her father, Don Needles, said that Manhattan has always been a welcoming town.

“You hope that everybody is friendly no matter where you go to,” Don Needles said, “but we’ve been to the other colleges, and this one has been friendlier.”

Both Gwendolyn and Don Needles emphasized how comfortable they felt as parents when bringing their daughter to K-State and how

they were continually surprised, and reassured, by the random greetings they received from other students throughout the day as they walked around campus.

Nathan Laudan, sophomore in food science and agricultural communications, works as a K-State campus tour guide. Laudan said most parents and students really make up their mind after a tour, so it is important to represent K-State in the best way possible.

“There have been a lot of studies done on how tour guides are what makes or breaks a student’s decision on what university they will attend,” Laudan said. “So our job is to kind of be a face of K-

State ... why we love it so much here and why we are proud to be a part of this family.”

Laudan said he draws upon personal experiences when leading a group because the students can really tell if guides are telling true, heartfelt stories or not, and the personal stories are what capture their attention the most. He said students want to feel like they belong, and as tour guides he gets the opportunity to show the countless ways students can feel welcomed into the “K-State family.”

“It’s a fun place to be involved and have a home,” Laudan said. “The family atmosphere here is what really sets us apart from any other

campus.”

Student body president Nate Spriggs and vice president Grant Hill both said their roles in the Student Governing Association are focused on always improving the overall well-being of student life and “happiness” on campus.

Spriggs said that his role working with K-State programs like the Union Program Council, Powercat Financial Counseling, SGA staff and Recreational Services has proved vital in contributing to K-State students’ experiences. These programs have made an important impact on student life by constantly providing K-State students with new opportunities.

“The atmosphere is created by a system of shared governance we have here,” Spriggs said. “Students, faculty and staff, and administration work with the community and the state government to create a higher education system that is geared toward putting students first. And that shared governance is really why I believe K-State is one of the nation’s happiest colleges.”

Hill said that he has personally experienced the welcoming effects of K-State and the Manhattan community ever since coming his freshman year.

“I personally think K-State is one of the top-10 happiest college campuses across the nation because we show-

case our university so well to prospective students that they have just high expectations,” Hill said. “So when they come in and realize that not only are those expectations they are going to receive, [but] our services go above and beyond our student life. It amazes me every day by the different programs and initiatives they have, the different living organizations on campus, the student groups that are passionate for their different causes and different realms on campus, and so I think that the opportunity here at K-State is better than any around. Students are constantly being surprised about how great the campus is at K-State.”

Volleyball team to face Red Raiders at home on Saturday

Mark Kern
sports editor

After Wednesday night’s loss in Lawrence to in-state rival Kansas, the K-State volleyball team (17-3, 4-3) will look to bounce back as they take on Texas Tech (12-11, 1-6) on Saturday at 3 p.m. in Ahearn Field House.

In the loss to the Jayhawks, the Wildcats were unable to get into any kind of flow offensively. Despite a season high 17 kills by senior opposite Kathleen Ludwig, the Wildcats finished the night with a hitting percentage of only .187.

Another thing that hurt the Wildcats was a persistent struggle to serve the ball, as they finished the game with 10 serving errors. Despite the loss, the Wildcats have played some strong volleyball this season.

One of the reasons they have been so successful is their ability to attack the net. For the season, K-State ranks first in the Big 12 with 14.32 kills per set, just ahead of KU. While the Wild-

cats are led by All-American candidate junior middle blocker Kaitlynn Pelger, they also have four or five players who can get points at the net, making it extremely difficult to focus on any one player.

Their opponent, Texas Tech, has really struggled on the season, with their only conference win coming against Big 12 newcomer West Virginia.

One positive for the Red Raiders has been the play of freshman Emily Ehrle. The 6-foot-2-inch outside hitter leads the team with 2.49 kills per set, giving the Red Raiders hope for the future. As evidenced earlier in the season against Iowa State’s Mackenzie Bigbee, Ahearn Field House can really get into the head of a freshman, and for the Red Raiders to have any chance, Ehrle must play very well.

All fans are being asked to wear pink to this Saturday’s home volleyball match to support Dig Pink and Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

BIKE | Bicycle registration key to recovery

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registering your bicycle with K-State. Darwin Abbott, director of parking services, said that the process of recovering a bike is much simpler with registration.

“We take the data, record it and send the details to the police,” Abbott said. “Years from now, if your bike is stolen, and you don’t remember the serial number, you can know that you registered it.”

Registering a bike includes recording the make, model, color and wheel size.

“Police check it out from there, and they know exactly what they’re looking for,” Abbott said.

The bikes recently stolen in the Riley County area tend to be the most expensive.

“We’re talking about \$800, \$900, \$1,000 bikes,” King said.

Stubbings said that students need not even purchase a bike of that expense if it is just to be used on campus.

“Really, you shouldn’t bring

those expensive bikes out,” Stubbings said. “Keep the expensive ones indoors.”

Stubbings said that victims of bike theft often don’t purchase locks that can withstand typical garden shears or other tools, so he suggests investing in a strong lock, and purchasing a cheaper, used bike for campus use.

“Lock your bike in a visible area, as well,” Stubbings said. “A theft won’t come after it’s locked in a public bike rack as much as if it were locked outside back behind the dorms.”

According to Abbott, information about bike registration is slowly spreading. The amount of bike registration has increased from last year, and one-fourth of the bikes on campus are now registered. Bicycle registration offers other possible incentives, as well.

“If a bike is parked illegally, if it’s registered, the police can just write a citation instead of impounding it,” Abbott said.

Abbott recounted a story about a

student whose bike was stolen at K-State. The registration number on the bike allowed police to track it to New York City, where it was found.

“Registration really helps in the process of recovering your bike,” Abbott said.

As far as slowing the crime rate, King believes that the crimes will ebb if the public becomes more aware.

“You never know. The investigation may prove fruitful,” King said. “We’re making the public aware that this is happening, to get people to lock up. We want to reach out to the civilian population about this.”

Students can offer help to the authorities if they witness theft via anonymous tips. The K-State Police Silent Witness website allows anyone to report crimes and stay anonymous. Students can visit the page at ksu.edu/police/silent.

Stubbings also offered some advice for students.

“And if you’re gonna buy a \$1,000 bicycle, don’t buy a \$10 lock,” he said.

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LEFT: Audrey Metzger, junior in psychology, plays on despite the wind during Marching Band practice in Memorial Stadium on Thursday afternoon.

MAYOR | Each think their team will win game

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"I thought it was a good idea," Pepperd said.
Since it is West Virginia's first year in the Big 12 Conference, Manilla said he thought it would be nice to place a friendly wager like this with all of West Virginia's Big 12 opponents.
"I thought it would be a friendly gesture for not just K-State, but all the Big 12 teams," Manilla said.
Manilla contacted Pepperd about a month ago to propose the wager.
Pepperd said he will not be in attendance for the game in Morgantown due to other arrangements, but Amy Button Renz, president and CEO of the KSU Alumni Association, will represent him in the exchanging of university shirts. Manilla and Renz will meet 30 minutes after the game at the Greater Morgantown Convention and Visitors' Bureau in the Erickson Alumni Center parking lot to exchange shirts, according to a press release.
The K-State T-shirt being presented to the Morgantown mayor will be provided by the Office of the President, Pepperd noted. Morgantown's shirts are provided by SustainU and are made in America from recycled materials.
Both mayors provided their own takes on how they expect the game to play out.
"I think we're going to win, period," Pepperd said. "If our defense will slow up and control their quarterback, we'll have a good chance to win."
Manilla gave his own prediction for the game.
"I would say West Virginia 55, Kansas State 42," Manilla said. "It's important West Virginia gets a lot of points on the board."
The K-State Mask is also making a big impression in Morgantown, according to Manilla. The recent video by the Mask is currently being passed around by the students, and Manilla said that even the football players are watching it.
"The Mask is the big thing here in Morgantown," Manilla said.
With K-State head football coach Bill Snyder at the reins, Pepperd feels comfortable about the game's outcome.
"It's a critical game," Pepperd said. "If anybody can do it, it sure would be coach Snyder."
Even though it is just a friendly wager between new opponents, neither mayor wants to wear the other university's shirt to their next meeting.

SGA | Sydney Carlin speaks at meeting

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everybody should get in this country."
The speech ended with Carlin telling the room that it is not important who does things, but that it is important to get things done. Over the course of her career, Carlin has written or sponsored 25 bills that have been passed.
Next, a vote was held on bills introduced last week, and all but one of the bills passed unanimously. The bills included allocations to various campus organizations as well as appointing people to positions within SGA.
One new bill was introduced during the meeting. The bill is for an allocation for the Wildcraft club to travel to Lincoln, Neb., for a Heartland eSports competition. K State is being considered as the new hub for Heartland eSports, and the club must attend to continue to be in the running. Voting on this bill will take place next week in the Big 12 Room of the Union at 7 p.m.

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MEN'S BIG 12 POSTER CONTEST

Show your K-State colors by designing a poster meant especially for K-State's arch rivals.

Your Artwork Here

21.5" wide x 21" tall

Deadline: Nov. 9 (for every game) • Full color or black and white • Submit your completed posters to advertising@kstatecollegian.com • Design for 1 game or all 7!

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